

House Resolution No. 2140

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives firmly believe that children are the future of this great state and nation and that they deserve only the highest quality of care in their daily lives; and

Whereas, this legislative body joins together with all Missourians in recognizing child care providers during Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, which will be held May 9, 2003; and

Whereas, numerous other important organizations nationwide are also recognizing child care providers during Child Care Provider Appreciation Day; and

Whereas, of the 21 million children under the age of 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part of the time, while an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

Whereas, child care providers in the state of Missouri and nationwide often go above and beyond what is required of them to provide youngsters with a solid, sturdy foundation which they will build upon throughout the rest of their lives; and

Whereas, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within the state of Missouri and the St. Louis community, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

Whereas, the future of all society depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, as high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to the future of our children:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all child care providers in the Show-Me State as they are recognized for their significant contributions to the care and management of Missouri youngsters during Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to play an integral role in the educational and physical development of this state's youngest citizens; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation during Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

Offered by _____
Representative Juanita Head Walton
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I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2140, adopted April 23, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker